

ABSTRACT

A gateway apparatus connected to a first network and a second network and for controlling the operation of an apparatus or a plurality of apparatuses of control objective connected to the first network depending on the instructions directed to the second network by an instructing apparatus connected to the first network for the apparatuses of control objective, the gateway apparatus has

monitoring means of monitoring the flow of the instructions for controlling the operation of the apparatuses of control objective, directed to the second network by the instructing apparatus; and

control signal outputting means of outputting a control signal for controlling the operation of the apparatuses of control objective to the apparatuses of control objective depending on the instructions when the flow of the instructions is monitored by the monitoring means.